

SENATE RESOLUTION 214

By Williams

A RESOLUTION to recognize Gary Baker and Mike Curb of Baker Curb Racing.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those organizations and citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as professional and community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such organization is Baker Curb Racing, recently created by the esteemed Gary Baker and Mike Curb; and

WHEREAS, Baker Curb Racing, newly headquartered in Nashville, seeks to become a world-class racing organization that can compete in the challenging environment of the National Association of Stock Car Racing (NASCAR); and

WHEREAS, this honorable organization, the city's only NASCAR team, endeavors to bring renown upon the City of Nashville through its efforts to field winning drivers, starting with the successful Brad Coleman, who will be driving Baker Curb Racing's Number 27 Kleenex Ford Fusion in this season's Nationwide Series; and

WHEREAS, Gary Baker and Mike Curb are two of Nashville's most distinguished citizens; and

WHEREAS, entrepreneur and attorney Gary Baker, the former owner of Bristol Motor Speedway and Nashville International Raceway, has significant experience in the motorsports industry; and

WHEREAS, Mike Curb is also a successful motorsports businessman with over forty years of expertise in the NASCAR industry, highlighted by his sponsorship of Dale Earnhardt's 1980 Winston Cup Championship car and his ownership of the car Richard Petty drove for the racer's two hundredth victory in 1984; and

WHEREAS, the installment of Baker Curb Racing in Nashville is a source of pride for Tennesseans, a people with a rich NASCAR history that is as long as the distance from Bristol's Motor Speedway to Memphis' Motorsports Park; and

WHEREAS, the advent of Baker Curb Racing further represents a combination of Nashville's storied musical heritage with its stock car racing traditions. As President of Curb Records, one of the largest independent record labels in the nation, Mike Curb is a hugely successful figure in the music business who has accrued more than 250 number one hit songs with artists like LeAnn Rimes, Wynona Judd, Hank Williams, Jr., Rodney Atkins, and Tim McGraw; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly and the State of Tennessee are proud to host Baker Curb Racing and its owners Gary Baker and Mike Curb, and applaud their efforts to continue Tennessee's NASCAR successes; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and congratulate Gary Baker and Mike Curb on the founding of the professional NASCAR team Baker Curb Racing and wish them well in this and all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.